

B1 strength. On the other hand, the front plate 12, both side plates 10, 11 and contact holding wall 13 also exhibit a block structure. Therefore, the structural strength can be enhanced.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 15 as shown on the marked-up copy. A clean copy as amended appears below.

B2 1. (Twice Amended) A connector for a side plate of a cartridge which removably attaches to an apparatus and contains electronic parts, comprising:
a plug housing including a back face opposing to the side plate of the cartridge of the electronic parts and holding at least one contact;
a cover housing combined with the plug housing; and
a circuit board held by the plug housing, the cover housing and the at least one contact, the circuit board electrically connected to the apparatus via the at least one contact;
wherein the cover housing includes guide grooves configured to guide the plug housing in a sliding motion, and edge sections of the circuit board and edge sections of the plug housing both which are slideable in the guide grooves.

B3 6. (Twice Amended) The connector for a cartridge of electronic parts according to claim 5, wherein a forward end of a holding member which holds the circuit board and an exposed end portion of the at least one contact penetrating the circuit board are located on the back face of the plug housing.

B4 15. (Amended) A connector system for an image, comprising:
a cartridge of electronic parts configured to removably attach to the image apparatus;
a plug housing including a back face opposing to the side plate of the cartridge of electronic parts and holding at least one contact;

BY a cover housing combined with the plug housing; and

a circuit board held by the plug housing, the cover housing and the contact, the circuit board electrically connected to the apparatus via the at least one contact.

Please add new Claims 21-24 as follows:

21. (New) A connector for a side plate of a cartridge which removably attaches to an apparatus and contains electronic parts, comprising:

a plug housing including a back face opposing to the side plate of the cartridge of the electronic parts and holding at least one contact;

a cover housing combined with the plug housing; and

a circuit board held by the plug housing, the cover housing and the at least one contact, the circuit board electrically connected to the apparatus via the at least one contact;

wherein the plug housing and the cover housing are combined with each other and are slideable relative to each other in a direction parallel with a surface of the circuit board.

BS 22. (New) A connector for a side plate of a cartridge which removably attaches to an apparatus and contains electronic parts, comprising:

a plug housing including a back face opposing to the side plate of the cartridge of the electronic parts and holding at least one contact;

a cover housing combined with the plug housing; and

a circuit board held by the plug housing, the cover housing and the at least one contact, the circuit board electrically connected to the apparatus via the at least one contact;

wherein a unit including the plug housing, the circuit board and a contact are unitarily assembled into the cover housing;

wherein a forward end of a holding member which holds the circuit board and an exposed end portion of a lead penetrating the circuit board are located on the back face of the plug housing.